

# Hub Development Focus Discussion

January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Agenda

### 1. Introductions:

Michelle Lichtig, Julia Dupla, Brandon Nurmi, Kevin Stenson, Bob Voss, Michelle Thomas, Mike Moilanen, Lori Gudim, Genny Reynolds, Penny Messer, Tina Neary, James (Jim) Hartshorn, Melissa Marengo

### 2. Explanation of this primary priority of the ECRTCC:

As stated as priority #1 in the Local Human Services Transit Coordination Plan, to “develop transportation HUBS to establish connectivity of service providers which should include a variety of modalities.” Table 60, page 126.

### 3. Verify need for **MICRO HUBS** and Locations:

#### a. Verify from past survey in LCP and any other surveys

Go into detail from each recent survey.

#### b. Social Media survey – Short 5 question max.

### 4. Survey questions:

*Parameter to complete survey:*

We ask that you fill out this survey if you currently utilize public transportation services or would use these services if the progressive service was provided.

#### 1. Which county do you live in?

- a. Pine
- b. Isanti
- c. Chisago
- d. Kanabec
- e. Mille Lacs

#### 2. Which public service provider do you primarily utilize?

- a. Arrowhead
- b. Timber Trails
- c. Tri-CAP
- d. none

#### 3. Is there anywhere you need to travel that you can't get to using current transportation services?

- Yes
- No

4. If you start your route with your primary service provider (*stated in question 2*), if a connection to another service provider could allow you to progress further,

a. would you utilize a connection with Tri-CAP services to bring you further (circle one) North, South, East, West?

b. would you utilize a connection to Arrowhead services to bring you further (circle one) North? South? East? West?

c. would you utilize a connection to Timber Trails services to bring you further (circle one) North? South? East? West?

Any other points you'd like us to know about?

*Keep in mind that these hubs would not only be used for Public Transportation Services, but also for shared vehicles, volunteer drivers, destinations, micromobility, etc.*

5. Survey distribution, time range:  
(next subcommittee meeting will be March 2023)

6. **MACRO HUBS** - Northern Lights Express Update (*Hennepin County involvement in most recent meeting.*)  
Hinckley  
Cambridge

<https://northernlightsexpress.org/future-stations>

How to proceed in engaging Cambridge/Isanti County and Hinckley/Pine County:

Specific contacts:

Relay ECRTCC's intentions of involvement with those of influence.  
ECRTCC has reached out to:

Hinckley City Planner (Mark) and  
Hinckley Chamber Executive Director (Jamie)  
NLX Rail Alliance:  
Jill Brown  
Bob Manzoline  
Bill Dahl  
Greg Mathis  
Ken Buehler  
Jeff Anderson  
State & Federal Officials

Still need to reach out to:

Isanti County - names  
Cambridge - names  
Stauber's Field Officer in our Region - Jack Friebe

FW: NLX - Passenger Rail Alliance Board Meeting - cancelation notice for December 28, 2022



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Cc  Jill Brown;  Mathis, Gregory (DOT);  Ken Buehler;  Jeff Anderson

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Hello Karen, the "Hubs" you describe a very important feature/opportunity for Hinckley, Cambridge and the other Station sites. We are approaching the Station locations & designs based more on the transportation aspect but recognize the commercial opportunities. We are relying on communities to develop the "Hubs" you describe and thus far, only Duluth has initiated a commercial plan given the current project status (waiting for funding). It is great to see ECRDC is moving ahead with this conversation and involvement. Would be happy to further discuss with you and others. Bob

RE: NLX - Passenger Rail Alliance Board Meeting - cancelation notice for December 28, 2022



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Good stuff! My team is fielding questions from constituents on what people will do once they arrive at the stations. I like the "connect the DOTS" message. Thanks. J

## 7. Further Conversation: